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WHAT IS IN THIS KIT?

The kit is a catalog of basic material useful to educating young people and school personnel about the realities of military enlistment and war. The catalog also includes some information on alternatives to enlistment, as well as items written for organizers seeking to reach out to local schools.

All of the material in this catalog was carefully reviewed for relevancy and accuracy as of the spring of 2018. A task force of knowledgeable organizers did the research. It does not include all of the available literature on this topic because much of what exists is out of date or is no longer being produced by the original sources. Consequently, we focused on identifying items that we felt were basic and most useful for effective organizing and educating. New items may be added to future kits as they become available.

HOW TO USE THE KIT

It's very simple: Read the descriptions in the catalog and then go to the links that are listed to view or download documents that are relevant to your local organizing. In some cases, you will be able to reprint them for local reproduction; or, you will be able to order copies in bulk if they are offered by the original source.

HOW THE KIT IS ORGANIZED: The catalog groups items into the following subject categories:

Counter-recruitment	**Non-military Careers / College and Service Alternatives**	**Gender and the Military**	**Delayed Entry Program (DEP)**
JROTC	**Privacy (Opt Out Forms/ ASVAB etc.**	**Resources for Organizers**	**NNOMY Contact Information**

Most of the material is optimized to meet legal equal access standards for distribution by nonstudents inside schools (i.e., it only addresses the realities of military enlistment and war, or presents alternative options). Items are specially marked to indicate if they have content that is not optimized for what the federal courts have allowed or if they are included in the catalog for other special purposes.

This kit can be viewed online at **https://goo.gl/pC4Ha9**
NOTE: If you wish to print the catalog, be sure to choose the landscape setting in your print menu (i.e., horizontal).

Catalog of Counter-recruitment Materials

NOTES:

*An item marked with an asterisk (*) has some content that may fall outside the legal boundaries that apply to general distribution by NONstudents inside schools. Some activists may have used the item with no problem, but it is possible for schools to deny NONstudents equal access to distribute the item.

**An item marked with a double asterisk (**) is not intended for general distribution to students inside schools. It is designed for distribution to school staff or offered here to inform organizers.

Counter-recruitment

Title	Description	Link
Before You Enlist (video)	Short video (16 minutes) exploring the dangers and false assumptions about the military. This is the most comprehensive and effective educational video available. Updated 2018. Spanish update expected in 2019.	**http://www.beforeyouenlist.org**
The Military's Not Just A Job; It's Eight Years of Your Life – ENGLISH and SPANISH versions (brochure)	General counter-recruitment brochure for young people, addresses the typical reasons people enlist, questions to ask a recruiter, etc.	**http://www.projectyano.org/index.php/literature-and-resources/military-enlistment/28-the-military-s-not-just-a-job** **Order in bulk Here:** **http://bit.ly/8yearsofyourlife**
Winning the Peace	Mobile phone version of The Military's Not Just a Job brochure.	**http://winningthepeace.org/**
Winning the Peace QR code table topper	Place this letter size document in a plexiglass document holder as a tabling display and youth can scan with their cell phones to direct them to the winningthepeace.org mobile phone version.	**http://nnomy.org/en/resources/downloads/toolkits-guides/578-winning-the-peace-qr-code-table-topper.html** You can order a freestanding plexiglass document holder from Grainger Industries online at: http://bit.ly/2NQTa1L or find one in your local office supply store.

Questions to Consider (two-sided palmcard)	For high school students or friends who may be considering joining the military. This palmcard is good for mass leafletting, has links to more information.	**https://www.warresisters.org/store/questions-consider-palmcard**
Thinking of Joining the US Military to Gain Citizenship? – English/Spanish	Intended for non-citizens looking to join the military for immigration benefits; to let them know what to be aware of before approaching a recruiter.	**http://projectyano.org/pdf/CITIZENSHIP_AND_ENLISTMENT_Span-English.pdf**
GI Rights Hotline Cards (business card)	A card with essential information about service members' rights and contact information for the GI Rights Hotline.	**http://girightshotline.org/PDF/Accordion.GI.Rights.pdf**
Military Recruitment: Information for School Guidance Counselors (brochure)**	Adapted from an essay by Titus Peachy. Advice on helping students understand all their options. Geared to school counselors.	**http://www.nwsubpep.org/images/stories/MilitaryRecruitmentCounselorNW.pdf** | **http://bit.ly/nnomypost911gibill**
Stg. Abe: The Honest Recruiter (multi-page)	The enlistment agreement of the U.S. Armed Forces pointing out many snares along the way.	**https://quakerhouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/QH_SgtAbeApr2015.pdf**
The Post 9/11 GI Bill (brochure)	Explores some of the "gotchas" with the new GI Bill.	**http://bit.ly/nnomypost911gibill**

The Ground Truth (video)*	(2006) Addresses issues soldiers face after returning from Iraq; e.g., PTSD and inability to meld back into "normal" society. Personal interviews with veterans and family members/friends. Contains some profanity and violent scenes. We suggest you give a copy to classroom instructor to preview for appropriate classroom setting.	**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ground_Truth** Trailers online, rent ($3.99) or buy (Amazon has for $10).
Voices of War (video)	Documentary of experiences by family members and troops from Iraq and Afghanistan	**https://vimeo.com/72495403** English version
	Documental sobre la esperencia de familias y sus soldados durante las guerras de Irak y Afghanistan	**https://vimeo.com/72494826** Spanish version

Non-military Career, College and Service Alternatives

Title	Description	Link
It's My Life (90-page booklet)	Provides ideas and guidance for youth looking for career paths that are alternatives to military service.	**https://www.afsc.org/content/its-my-life**
Peacefulcareers	Presents ideas for job training, money for college, job placement opportunities without joining the military.	**http://www.peacefulcareers.org/**
Careers in Peacemaking and Social Change (brochure)	Discusses how to make a career choice that is compatible with both income needs and ethical values.	**http://projectyano.org/pdf/Carinsochg_b_white1-04.pdf**

A Few Examples of Careers in Peacemaking – English/Spanish (flyer)	Suggests ways that different careers can be used to work for peace and social justice, briefly notes skills/education needed for each career.	**http://projectyano.org/pdf/Examples_Careers_in_peace_2006.pdf**
Financial Aid Resources (multipage)	List of possible sources for college financial aid, including national sources and some specific to California. Can be used as a model for local groups to substitute local resources.	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/FinancialAidList03-2017.docx**
Alternative Training and Job Placement Resources (multipage)	List of employment training and placement programs for youth in San Diego County. Can be used as a model for local groups to substitute local resources.	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/AlternativeTrainingResources03-2017.docx**

Gender and the Military

Title	Description	Link
What Every Girl Should Know About the US Military (brochure)	Written for girls, queer and trans youth, youth of color and poor youth, this newly redesigned full-color "What Every Girl Should Know About the U.S. Military" brochure is focused on sexual & gender-based violence	**http://www.warresisters.org/sites/default/files/wegsk_bw.pdf**
So You Want to Be a Man? – English/Spanish (flyer)	Ways to “become a man” without joining the military.	**http://projectyano.org/index.php/literature-and-resources/military-enlistment/27-so-you-want-to-be-a-man**

The Invisible War (video)*	2012 documentary that investigates the epidemic of rape within the U.S. Military. Personal stories of several men and women victims of sexual assault in the military.	**http://watchdocumentaries.com/the-invisible-war**

JROTC

Title	Description	Link
How JROTC Contributes to the School Funding Crisis (flyer)**	Explains how JROTC subsidy is calculated and why it becomes an added expense for schools. For organizers.	**http://projectyano.org/index.php/literature-and-resources/jrotc/41-how-jrotc-contributes-to-the-school-funding-crisis**
Is JROTC an Extra Expense for Local Schools? (flyer)**	Uses personnel budget from one school to illustrate how JROTC can cost more than other educational programs. For organizers.	**http://projectyano.org/index.php/literature-and-resources/jrotc/42-is-jrotc-more-expensive**
Guide to Removing Marksmanship Training from High Schools (multi-page)**	Details on how to remove JROTC marksmanship training and shooting ranges, which are in over 2,000 schools nationwide. For organizers.	**http://nnomy.org/en/groups-campaigns-activities/school-marksmanship-training.html**

Delayed Entry Program (DEP)

Title	Description	Link
Signed Up for the Military and Want to Get Out? (flyer)	Explains how the DEP Program (known as Future Soldiers Program in the Army) works and how to get out of it.	**http://bit.ly/signedupgetout**

If You Changed Your Mind You May Not Have to Go. English and Spanish (flyers)	Instructions for cancelling a DEP enlistment, English and Spanish versions.	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/Recruiters_DEP_2004.pdf**

Privacy (Opt Out Forms/ ASVAB etc.)

Title	Description	Link
JAMRS Fact Sheet and Opt Out Form (flyer):	Explains the Joint Advertising and Market Research & Studies (JAMRS) database with a form for opting out of the survey and recruitment databases.	**http://www.nwsubpep.org/images/stories/JAMRSFactSheetWithOptout.pdf**
Two important Items For Families with High School Students–Opt Out and ASVAB Testing (flier)	Flier for opting out of high school recruiting lists (bilingual opt-out form included) and opposing the use of the militaryʹs aptitude test (ASVAB) in schools	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/ASVAB_bilingualOpt-out_form_8-21-15.pdf**
Best Practices for ASVAB (multi-page):**	Points out the fact that, unlike career exploration tools developed by third parties, the ASVAB does not automatically protect student information. It explains how the different options work with the ASVAB test. Geared to school counselors. (5/2013)	**http://www.nwsubpep.org/images/stories/ASVAB-CEPBestPractices.2013.FINAL.logo.6.pdf**

Resources for Organizers

Title	Description	Link

Using Equal Access to Counter Militarism in High Schools (multi-page) **:	Chronicle of efforts to gain access to schools in San Diego County from 1984 to 1995 (updated 7/06): outreach strategies, legal basis for equal access, lessons learned,. school district letters.	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/Equalaccess2006.pdf**
Resources for adopting a recruiting policy in schools. (multi-page) **:	Packet with resources and links from a webinar on establishing policies to regulate recruiting in K-12 schools	**http://nnomy.org/index.php/materials-training-26367/564-helpful-resources-for-organizing-to-regulate-military-recruiting-in-k-12-schools**
Starting Up a Project to Counter Military Recruiting **	Ideas and resources for starting a local counter - recruitment project	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/Starting_a_C-r_Project.pdf**
Actions Students Can Take to Counter Military Recruiting in T heir Schools **	Ideas and resources for high school students.	**http://www.projectyano.org/pdf/Student_Actions_List_9-14-15.pdf**
Team Member Guidebook (Draft) – tabling section **	Although in draft form, the chapter on tabling is very useful. For organizers	**http://nnomy.org/en/resources/downloads/toolkits-guides/543-team-member-guidebook/file.html**
Educating Students and Countering Military Recruitment Inside Schools:**	Powerpoint focuses on what you can do to reach and educate students at the individual school level. Tactics discussed include leafleting, career fairs, peace clubs, tabling, speakers' bureaus, peace camps and ither ideas.	**http://nnomy.org/index.php/en/resources/downloads/access-to-schools/573-cr-inside-schools.html**
The Nuts and Bolts of Pursuing Policy Changes to Counter Recruitment and Demilitarize Schools:**	Powerpoint covers ways that activists have successfully approached these problems gaining equal school access to counter military recruiting at the policy level.	**http://nnomy.org/index.php/en/resources/downloads/access-to-schools/571-cr-policy-organizing.html**

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Short video (14 minutes) exploring the dangers and false assumptions about the military.

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